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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, TW, TH, JA, CB, LA, US

SUBJECT: ROC UNILATERAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL 374TH TAW

REF: TAIPEI 5354

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. REQUEST CONFIRMATION (PER SULLIVAN-GLEYSTEEN TELECON)

THAT YOU INFORMED GRC OF OUR INTENTION TO ISSUE

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STATEMENT (PARA 4 STATE 169575) ON SEPTEMBER 1

RATHER THAN WAITING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 4. WE HAVE

INFORMED ROC EMBASSY HERE.

2. AGREE IT IS UNFORTUNATE GRC DECIDED TO PREEMPT US.
INTERNAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH PERSUADED CCK OF
DESIRABILITY ANNOUNCEMENT COME FROM GRC NEITHER EXPLAIN
NOR EXCUSE DECISION TO MAKE SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT WITHOUT
CONSULTATION OR ADVANCE NOTICE TO US.

3. SEE NO NEED, HOWEVER, FOR URGENT REMONSTRANCE TO CCK.
INDEED SOME DELAY IN APPROACHING HIM MAY ALLOW TIME FOR
REFLECTION AND SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO CONVEY
DESIRED TONE OF HURT RATHER THAN ANGER.

4. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK APPOINTMENT FOR TUESDAY.
DURING CALL YOU SHOULD STATE: A) USG SURPRISED AND
EMBARRASSED BY ROC'S UNILATERAL ACTION WHEN ISSUE STILL
UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS; B) NOTE THAT WE
PROCEEDED WITH OUR ANNOUNCEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 1 RATHER
THAN SEPTEMBER 4 AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED SINCE THIS SEEMED
THE MOST LOGICAL WAY TO RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES
RESULTING FROM THE ISSUANCE OF THE ROC'S SEPTEMBER 1
STATEMENT; AND C) EMPHASIZE THAT USG WILLINGNESS TO KEEP
ROC INFORMED AND TO CONSULT ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN
ASSUMES GRC RECOGNITION OF RECIPROCAL OBLIGATION TO
RESPECT OUR CONFIDENCES AND TO CONSULT WITH US BEFORE
TAKING UNILATERAL ACTION ON SUCH MATTERS. ROGERS

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